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Adult situation



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University presidents meet to discuss binge drinking, request legitimate debate

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Many 18- to 20-years-olds have complained about the 21-year-old drinking age restriction for decades, but now legislators might listen.

In June, presidents and chancellors from several Northeast colleges met and discussed the issue of binge drinking on their campuses. Soon after, they decided to take an initiative to call on elected officials to have a legitimate debate about the issue and invited college presidents from all across the country to support the movement, known as the Amethyst Initiative.

According to its Web site, "The Amethyst Initiative presidents and chancellors call upon elected officials to weigh all the consequences of current alcohol policies and to invite new ideas on how best to prepare young adults to make responsible decisions about alcohol use."

Of the more than 120 college presidents and chancellors who have signed the initiative, most are in what could be called blue states. Few Midwest schools have signed it, and no school from Kansas or the Big 12 Conference has signed it.

Though K-State President Jon Wefald has not signed the initiative, Vice President of Student Life Pat Bosco said he is in support of a scientific study of college drinking devoid of emotional or hysterical factors.

"I'm certainly willing to roll up my sleeves and at least examine the issue and not keep our head in the sand," Bosco said.

Bill Arck, director at K-State Counseling Services, said the initiative should involve more factors than just lowering the drinking age, like parental influences, personal and religious beliefs, how

readily available the alcohol is in the area, one's genetic predisposition, one's weight, one's experience.

He said alcohol is not the problem; it's the way people act around it.

"Alcohol in itself is not the problem if you drink moderately and responsibly as most K-State students do," Arck said.

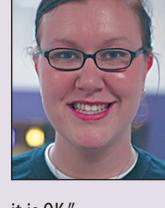
Arck said 82 percent of students at K-State drink, according to faculty research. Of that percentage of students, the average starting drinking age was 14 years old and 12-15 percent have serious binge drinking or episodic drinking problems.

Arck said episodic problems occur when students drink too much only on certain occasions like a birthday or a visit from a friend, while binge drinking is more of a regular alcohol overindulgence.

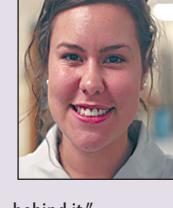
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STREET TALK

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT LOWERING THE DRINKING AGE TO 18?



it is OK."



behind it."

"I think if we were to consider lowering the drinking age, there should be strong support and reasoning



"I think it'd be a good idea. It teaches younger guys about responsibility by the time they get to college. I guess it helps protect them too. It would probably have them going to bars more than random house parties."

Jeff Koetting
senior in electrical engineering



"I think it would be a bad idea, because I don't think they would be responsible enough, not socially responsible enough to deal with that. I think it would be bad for everyone, and you would have a lot more problems at the bars."

Kevan Boss
senior in park management and conservation



"I think it really should not matter. Eighteen would be a good age — I don't see the point of waiting three more years. People will do it if there's a law or not."

Tess Lyons
freshman in open options

MCC building undergoes extreme makeover

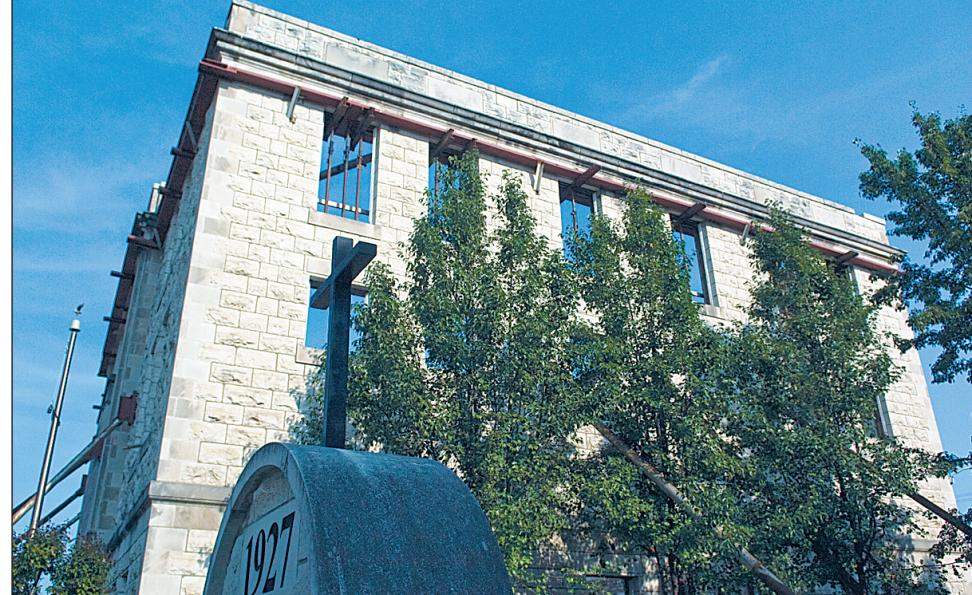
By Lindsey Davignon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

One look at Jolliffe Hall at Manhattan Christian College and one might think the building burned down or was hit by the June tornado. Thankfully, neither one is the case.

The multi-purpose building on Anderson Avenue is in the middle of a 400-day project renovation supervised by the Ebert Mayo Design Group of Manhattan, and contracted by Murray and Sons of Topeka, said Jolene Rupe, employee at MCC.

The project, which began May 5, is on schedule to be completed by August 2009.

The new building will consist of a 300-seat multi-purpose chapel on the first floor, two classrooms and archives on the second and a library on the third level.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN
Jolliffe Hall, located at Manhattan Christian College, is undergoing major renovations that are on track to be completed in fall 2009.

The renovations will cost the college \$3.5 million, which is obtained by ongoing funding from area churches and individuals. MCC students' tuition will not be raised.

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Kweli searched, lecture canceled

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Talib Kweli is looking for answers just like everyone else.

Black Student Union (BSU) organizers, Kweli fans, lecture attendees, and Kweli himself remain baffled by events that occurred on Tuesday, leading to the cancellation of rapper Kweli's lecture on the influence of hip-hop on education.

A free event, put on by the BSU and Student Governing Association, the Kweli lecture-attended by dozens of eager students-was first postponed because of airport delays and traffic problems, said event organizers. However, what Kweli called miscommunication, left four

campus police cars and an RCPD K-9 unit waiting for Kweli's arrival at the Union.

According to Kweli and BSU organizers, Kweli asked the driver of the K-State vehicle he was picked up from the airport in, if he could smoke. At first, Kweli was given permission to do so, but upon realizing that Kweli meant marijuana, he said Bryon Williams, senior in economics and former President of BSU, asked Kweli to put out the marijuana cigarette. Kweli said he did immediately out of respect and understanding that he was in a state vehicle.

Once the vehicle arrived at the Union, campus police pulled Kweli

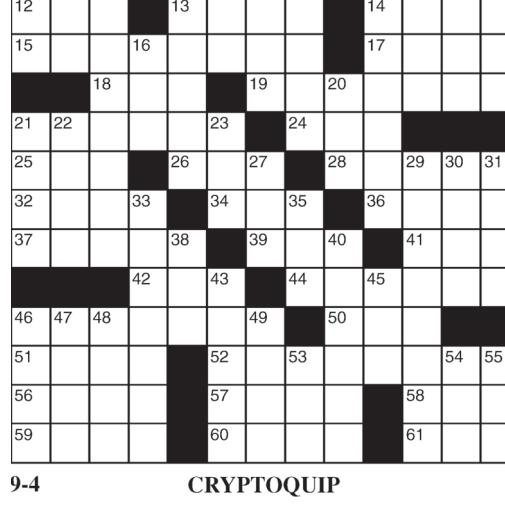
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If you see something that should be corrected, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@pub.ksu.edu.

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Campus Emergency Alert expands beyond text messages

By Emily Aldredge
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Text messages could dramatically increase personal safety in the event of a campus emergency. More than 80 percent of college students send and receive text messages, according to a 2006 Student Monitor cell phone usage study.

After the Virginia Tech massacre April 16, 2007, schools across the nation re-evaluated procedures to notify students in case of emergencies.

K-State's original plan was to send text messages to students. This plan has increased to include a list of 10 ways to warn students and faculty of emergencies.

Ranging from the public address systems in police cars to a "Web Pages override," which redirects all K-State Web Pages to an emergency protocol site, the Division of Public Safety isn't taking any chances with the safety of K-State.

A crisis like Virginia Tech's is not the only reason students would receive text messages or voice mails. Natural disasters like fires, tornados, chemical spills and terrorist threats are all emergency scenarios that students could be notified about, according to the Department of Environmental Health and Safety Web site.

But not many students are taking advantage of the emergency notification system. Steve Broccolo, K-State's emergency management coordinator for the division of public safety, To sign up for the emergency text messages or voice mails and to see a list of scenarios and how to react, visit www.k-state.edu/safety/emergencyinfo1.htm.

said only one-fourth of students, faculty and staff signed up for the service as of last semester.

Therefore, a new voice messaging system will launch in early October. Users will receive a 30-second automated voice mail instead of a text message.

"If they don't sign up for the text messages, hopefully they will sign up for the voice messages," Broccolo said.

So with all this technology, what is the possibility of a system overload? Broccolo said this shouldn't be a problem.

"We have ran tests a couple times and haven't had that problem yet," he said.

In addition to informing the student body, Broccolo said there are also systems to target smaller groups, like "reverse 911 calls administration or a certain college to alert them specifically."

Other Kansas colleges and universities have established or are working to establish similar systems.

The University of Kansas is updating its fire alarm speakers, which are 12 years old.

The alarms announce information about where to go during a building evacuation. KU is testing a text messaging system and a Reverse 911 system as well, according to an article from Oread.

With a smile on his face and a Collegian in his hand, Rather read aloud to his CBS audience from the editorial:

FROM THE ARCHIVES

KSU student body proven to be the 'biggest loser'

By Eric Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This story ran in the Collegian in 1982. Former president of the United States, Richard Nixon, came to give a lecture for the Landon Lecture series. Nixon was met with mixed responses from the crowd, including one section in the tops of the arena that harassed the former president for most of his speech.

"Welcome, Mr. President, to the K-State campus."

This was the opening sentence of a front-page editorial in an issue of the Collegian published almost 12 years ago.

It could have been repeated in today's Collegian with only the implied word "Nixon" changed to "Reagan."

Written by then Collegian editor Ernest Murphy III, now a San Jose, Calif., copy editor, the editorial received national attention via two avenues.

On that rainy morning 12 years ago, portions of the editorial were carried in a report for CBS news, made from the K-State campus by Dan Rather. With his feet on the copy rim as he leaned back in the managing editor's chair in the Collegian newsroom, Rather telephoned his first CBS report of the day in the early hours before the sleepy Collegian staff arrived.

With a smile on his face and a Collegian in his hand, Rather read aloud to his CBS audience from the editorial:

"At this point [Nixon's] office has released the topic of the speech you are to give at noon today, and it is known that you will arrive by helicopter just before you are due to speak and



that you will leave immediately afterward."

"Really now, Mr. Nixon, are you attempting to pass this off as talking directly to students?"

"You have picked the right campus to visit. In the past, there have been no students riots here. It would be absurd for anyone to fear for violence or disruption here today. This is the last place on Earth students would attempt to sabotage a president's visit, as you and your staff have probably figured out by now."

"So why do you insist on talking at us instead of with us?"

Murphy's editorial continued in that vein and concluded with:

"But I think all of us here would appreciate it if, even just for today, you would at least try to level with us."

Three months after this editorial appeared, it was published along with nine other campus newspaper editorials as one of the winners of the nationwide William Randolph Hearst Foundation Journalism Awards Program.



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It wasn't the only K-State winner of the top 10.

The Collegian editorial which appeared on the day after the Nixon visit also was a winner.

"We swallowed the bait, sold out to a calculated political maneuver and consequently became enough administrative ammunition to last for months."

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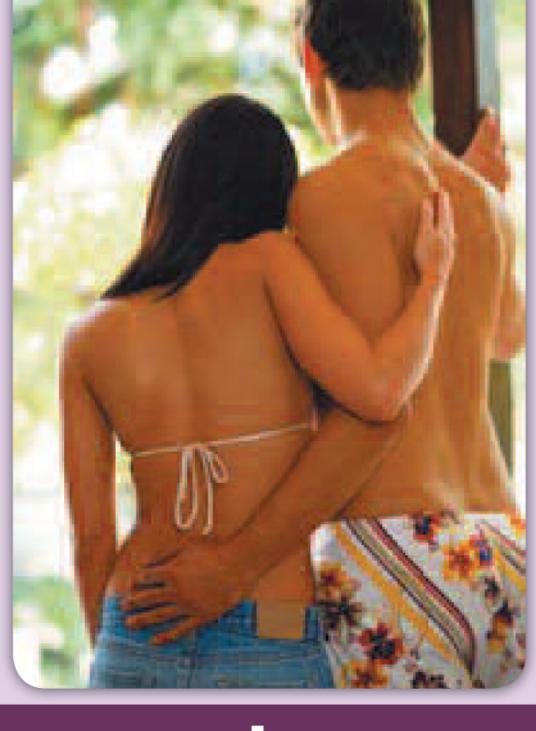
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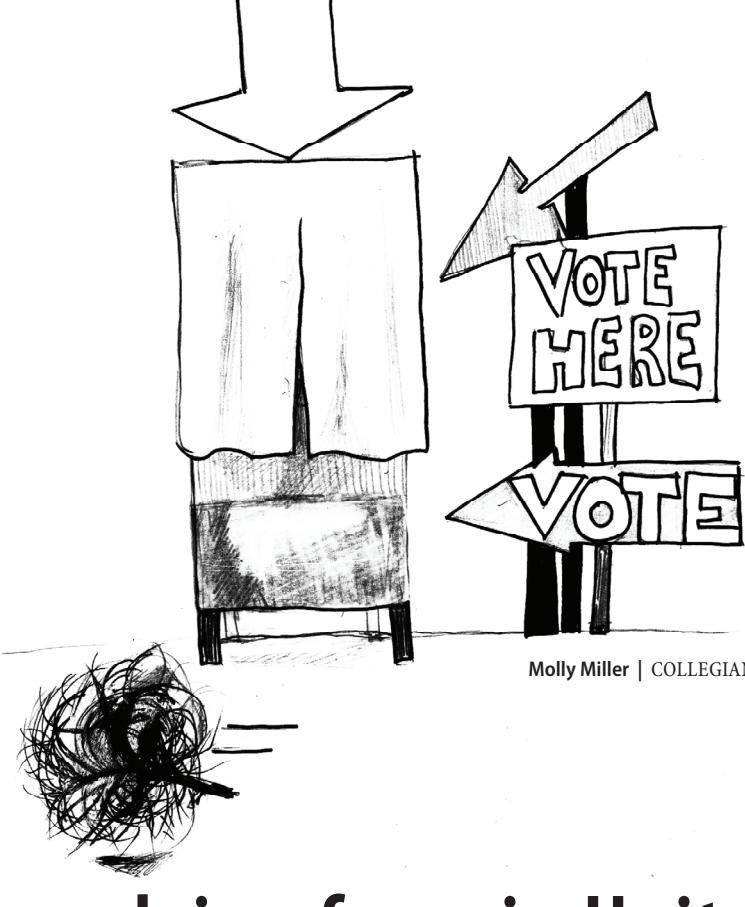
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Democracy: a dying force in United States



SHANE ORAM

In our society, where more people vote for "American Idol" than for the American president, it is easy to see democracy is slowly dying.

It is sad to think a guiding principle that many men and women died to defend is so carelessly tossed aside in the era of the iPod and the Internet. Is American democracy a thing of the past?

At the national level, one could easily argue no. However dismal and bleak our system is, there are still remnants of our forefathers' freedom cries echoing into the corridors on Capitol Hill.

Statesmen still go through long and tedious campaigns that bore us, at best, to

win the precious vote. Such ventures, however, are costly both of time and money, diminishing any chance of leveling the playing field.

Yet the vote still takes place, and a representative makes decisions aimed — for the most part — at pleasing the majority of constituents.

On the grassroots level, I'm not so convinced that democracy exists. We like to think that it surrounds us — in our community, in schools, in the workplace.

However, this simply is just not true.

Too many people care too little, plain and simple. "Elections" take place in these venues but participation is minimal at local levels. With many Americans having the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" mindset, it is easy to see that little action is taken until a need arises.

But in the meantime, the control of our community is left up to an elite group. The group claims to act in the best interest of the people, but more often than not, they are looking after themselves.

This is a rather dangerous occurrence. From here, it is easy for a leader to arise who seems to control the group. I am sure

you have all experienced these people. They are the ones who can seem to do anything they want, either by persuasion or force. Want to know the sad part? We'll let them.

Let's face it: we have become flat-out lazy. As long as someone else does the work, we are happy as can be. By the time the situation gets drastic enough, guess what? It is too late — no going back.

So there it is, the group is led by one individual. I think they have a word for that — it's dictator, which is a far cry from the democracy we claim to have and support.

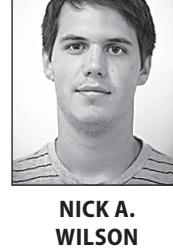
Why have we let this standard slip into this state? Laziness is a powerful foe, but the distraction of technology and a fast-paced world cannot be left out of the equation as an attribute to the downfall.

Is democracy an idea meant to be left in history books, or is it worth protecting?

All I know is our predecessors did not fight and die for cell phones and hard drives. They fought for freedom and equality. Would you?

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Experience a necessity for any political race



NICK A. WILSON

In the heat of political battles that seem to be obnoxious to the everyday citizen, rises a race that soon will grab our attention.

Just a few years ago, public service became a pastime for Hollywood stars like Arnold Schwarzenegger, who became the governor of California.

A former cast member of MTV's "The Real World," Kevin Powell, declared he would run as a Democrat in the 2008 10th Congressional District in New York.

Like most candidates for public service, Powell has quite a life story. Unfortunately, political experience and an elected position isn't on his résumé. Before his stint on the first season of "The Real World" in 1992, Powell wasn't well-known.

Since the show, he has written several books and earned himself a writing spot for Vibe magazine. In 1995, Powell conducted an interview with Tupac Shakur and protested apartheid in South Africa.

He said on his Web site, "My life calling is to be a servant for the people, period. Money, fame, status, personal achievements and all that means very little to me when pain and suffering are still real on this planet. I am interested in the powerless becoming powerful."

Though he has been viewed as a mover and shaker in the activist world, many voters are still reluctant to give the television star the

time of day.

Powell's lack of experience will not be the only hindrance in the race. The incumbent Powell faces Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y.

Towns has served the 10th Congressional District in Brooklyn, N.Y., for 26 years. Despite Towns' decreasing popularity in recent elections, the man has to be doing something right to hold the hotly contested position for that long.

While expressing his views of Powell to the Associated Press, Towns said, "He's never been elected to the school board or even attended a PTA meeting. He has no idea how these things really work."

Powell already has assembled quite a backing team for his run for power. He has the help from celebrity supporters Gloria Steinem, Dave Chappelle, and George Soros.

It clearly won't be hard for Mr. Powell to get his name out there in time, but besides experience, he

also lacks another necessity for a major political race. Money.

According to the Federal Election Commission, Powell received \$46,607 between January 2007 and June 30. He said he is expected to rake in closer to \$200,000 by the next filing; but that amount is not on record.

On the other hand, 74-year-old Towns' campaign has brought in \$975,367 during that same period.

Since our nation is facing record-high crude oil prices, economic collapse and a mortgage crisis, now would not be a good time to hand over a congressional district of around 685,000 residents to a TV celebrity and political rookie.

Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.

Nick A. Wilson is a sophomore in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

Initiative could bring informative debate on drinking age

The Amethyst Initiative encourages a civil, informative discussion

cohal will lose 10 percent of its annual federal highway funds.

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

A common argument in opposition of the Act states that an

American can vote and wear the uniform of our nations armed forces, but not drink a beer. But supporters of the current drinking age fear that greater availability of alcohol could increase the number of drunk drivers and cases of alcohol abuse. It is time for

these arguments to be heard.

Supporting the Initiative, as we do, does not necessarily mean someone supports reducing the drinking age. After an informative conversation, many people might support a lower drinking age. However, hearing the arguments against a lower drinking age could lead some to support the current law.

The majority of the Collegian's editorial board is at least 21 years old, so our support is not because of an underage desire to drink. We under-

stand the concerns of supporters of the current drinking age and agree with its opponents when they say that it leads to more underage binge drinking.

Because of this, we support the Initiative and would like to offer a compromise.

If, after the discussion, the current drinking age is thought to be out of date, a way to transition would be to allow 18 year olds to purchase beer with no more than 3.2 percent alcohol by volume (what the state calls "cereal malt beverages"). Or to allow

the purchase of beers and wines but not liquor.

Abuse of alcohol and binge drinking is easier with hard liquor than beer. If 18-year-olds were allowed to drink a beer after returning from war but not down a liter of vodka, both sides might feel content.

No matter what someone's personal feelings on this issue are, having a public conversation and discussion on the matter is a good thing, and does not mean action will be taken, only that minds are open.

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To the redhead Irishman: I am dying to meet you.

To the two girls that offered my boss a threesome at Chipotle last night, then never showed back up: you are evil.

The Fourum is full of putdowns. Doesn't anyone have anything nice to say these days?

Thank you to the Rec Student Union for everything that they do.

Blatant racism.

Way to keep profiling and racism classy, Riley County Police Department.

When did the Collegian's writers get so liberal? Isn't that KU?

To the girl I met in the cafeteria the other day: I think this is the beginning of something magical.

McCain vs. Obama, straight talk vs. sweet talk.

I'm down with the BSU.

Apparently it's real chocolate flavor.

Better watch out Fourum. K-State is on juicycampus.com.

I'm a classy guy — I read Maxim, not Playboy.

How many meaningless seconds do you save by trampling the grass?

Hey Pitman, can I get some Astroglide with my next pay raise?

Seriously, who locks up McCain by 11 p.m. How am I supposed to practice?

Honestly, I don't want to go to class unless someone is going to carry me.

SHAPE does not promote safe sex, it provides students with the resources to make healthy decisions and to keep themselves clean should they decide that is an action they would like to partake in.

Because you won't put my comments in the Fourum, my roommates and I have decided to make our own Fourum. Thanks.

This lemonade would make babies cry.

You forgot Phyllis.

Michael Phelps is so hot. I would mother his children so fast.

Rush Limbaugh is the biggest bigot in the world.

Hey, Owen Kennedy, K-State doesn't play any cupcakes, they just cancel the Fresno State game to play the powerhouse of Montana State, huh?

Uh, there isn't a north parking lot at the stadium.

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State Fair to begin Friday

By Amanda Moerlein
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The 2008 Kansas State Fair opens its gates to the public Friday at 8 a.m. This year's fair is full of great entertainment, amazing vendors and fun competitions.

The Sprint Grandstand, ready for several national acts, will offer a little something for everyone this year.

The bands Styx and Kansas will perform at 7:30 on the opening night of the fair. Alice Cooper, Blake Shelton, Puddle of Mudd and Corbin Bleu will also perform at the 2008 Kansas State Fair, as well as seven other popu-

lar recording artists. Tickets range from \$15-\$30.

Daredevils can enjoy the Demolition Derby that will take place on Monday. Adult tickets cost only \$6 and children younger than 12 are free. FreestyleMX will take place on Wednesday for only \$15 per adult and \$5 per child.

You can also expect some great barbecue at the fair, as there will be many food vendors set up on the fair grounds.

Not into barbecue? There will also be Chinese food, pizza, chili dogs, and much more.

There will be plenty to see with all of the exhibits entered into this year's fair. These exhibits are a

must see, as many are having giveaways.

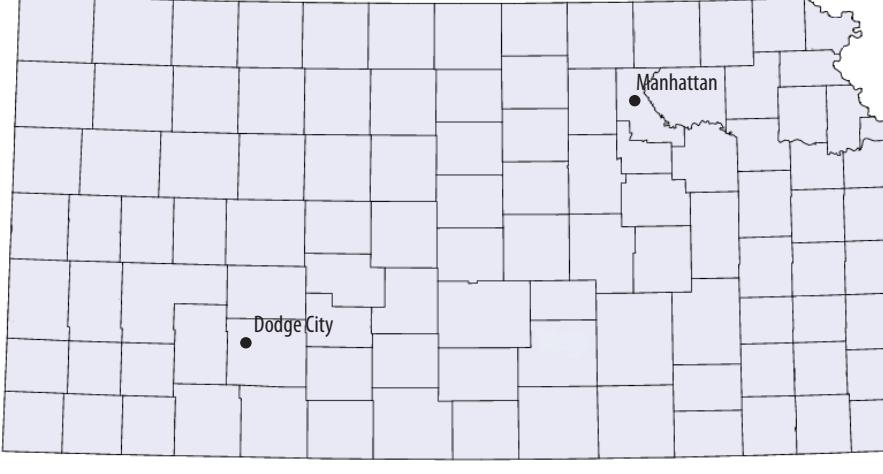
For your competitive

side, there will be many competitions to watch or take part in. At 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 14, there will be a text messaging contest. The top prize for this event is \$1,000.

Other events to check out are the Marching Band Competition, the Duct Tape Competition, 4-H Competitions, FFA Competitions and, of course, livestock showing.

Directories of the food vendors and exhibits as well as additional information regarding this year's fair can be found on the Kansas State Fair Web site www.kansasstatefair.com.

KANSAS BRIEFS



KANSAS CROP INSURANCE DEADLINE NEARS

The deadline for farmers to sign up for uninsured crops to maintain insurance coverage under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program is Sept. 16.

In a recent press release, Art Barnaby, a risk management specialist with K-State Research and Extension, said he wants to make sure local farmers are aware of the approaching deadline and informed about the noninsured crop disaster assistance program fees.

"In Kansas, crops are not crops until they are in the bin," he said. "Therefore, for growers with 2008 wheat losses, or if they expect to have a large number of fall harvested crop acres, the best suggestion is to pay the \$100 NAP fees on pasture and other uninsured crops."

Barnaby stressed the importance of crop insurance, claiming that information can be hard to find, but it's worth the money.

"That is about two tanks of gas for your pickup," he said in the release. "There is a real lack of information for farmers trying to make informed decisions before paying 2008 NAP fees to be eligible for payments on 2008 crop losses."

It is important that producers have all fees paid to maintain eligibility for SURE coverage on their fall 2008 crops. Clearly, there are still weather perils that could destroy fall harvested crops and SURE payment would be helpful."

CENTER FOR GREAT PLAINS STUDIES RECEIVES GRANT

The Kansas Humanities Council awarded the Center for Great Plains Studies a \$25,000 grant to study pioneer Kansas photographer F.M. Steele, according to a press release.

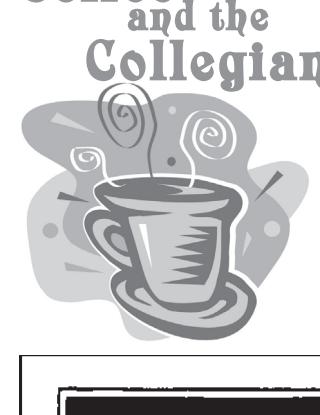
Steele, who arrived in Dodge City, Kan., in 1890, spent four and a half decades documenting all aspects of life in the southwestern plains, including people, small town life, farming and railroad construction. His photographs, particularly those of cowboys, are often well-known and published, but he is rarely given credit.

Center Director Jim Hoy said he hopes the center located on the Emporia State University campus can help to get Steele the recognition that his photographs often receive.

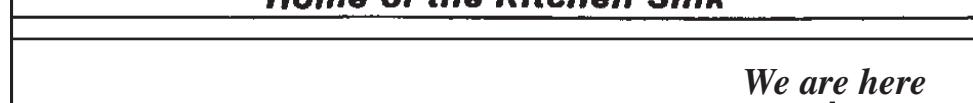
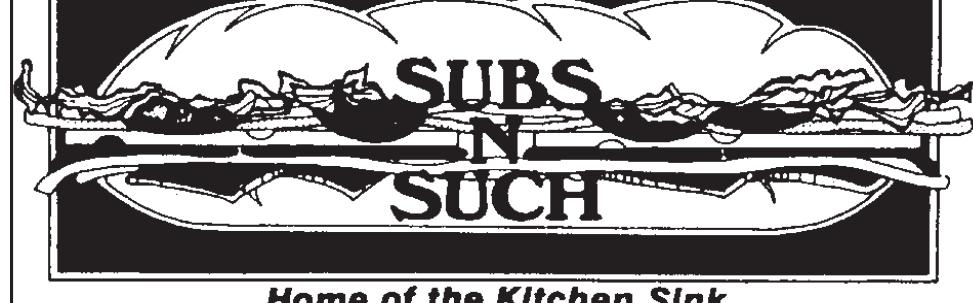
"F.M. Steele's photographs documenting life and work in the southwestern plains rank with those of L.A. Huffman in Montana and Erwin E. Smith in Texas," he said in the release. "Our hope is that this project will help to bring him the recognition that these two photographers enjoy."

The center also will team up with the Kansas Historical Society to construct a traveling exhibit of Steele's work that will be available for touring.

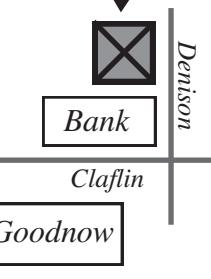
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Fresno State fears no one, deserves respect



JON GARTEN

Ron Prince's decision to drop a 2008 home game against Fresno State left a lot of people puzzled.

It went against the coach's "Bold and Daring" scheduling philosophy. If he could schedule games with Louisville, Auburn and Miami, then why couldn't he honor a contract with a Western Athletic Conference team?

Some people might even think the move was embarrassing, especially considering what Fresno State quarterback Tom Brandstater said during WAC media days earlier this year.

"They're probably tired of getting whooped by us," Brandstater said. "I don't blame them. So I wish them the best. We got the better of them two times in a row."

In 2004, Fresno State beat the Wildcats 45-21 in Manhattan. Last season, the Bulldogs thumped K-State again, 45-29.

Fresno State also got the better of Rutgers on Monday, 24-7. Maybe Prince knew something everybody else didn't.

The Bulldogs have a chance to be the Boise State of this year. If they go undefeated, there's no reason why they shouldn't crash the BCS party.

But is that all? Should the Bulldogs' hypothetical, magical season end with a BCS bowl game?

If Fresno can win out and there's not more than one undefeated or quality one-loss BCS teams at the end of the season, the Bulldogs should play for the national title.

Why not? Fresno State will have three more tough nonconference games and a game with WAC foe Boise State.

In 2006, Boise State went undefeated and beat Oklahoma, 43-42, in the Fiesta Bowl. In 2007, Hawaii won out before losing to Georgia, 41-10, in the Sugar Bowl.

But Fresno State could have them both beat. The toughest nonconference team Boise State played was Oregon State, which finished 10-4 in 2006.

Fresno State plays Wisconsin on Sept. 13 in what many at the school believe will be the biggest game in Bulldog history. After that, Fresno goes on the road to take on Toledo and UCLA.

Some might question the team's "Anyone, anywhere" mentality, but you have to respect it as well. The Bulldogs are putting it on the line every week.

And that might be Fresno's biggest problem. With all those losable games on the schedule, it will be nearly impossible for the Bulldogs to remain perfect.

But that's what makes their season so exciting too. If they run the table and there are no other undefeated or one-loss teams at the end of the year, how can you say anybody deserves a shot at the national title more than they do?

Maybe Fresno State will accomplish its undefeated dream season. Maybe the BCS title game will finally be crashed by a non-BCS conference team.

Maybe Ron Prince knew what he was doing when he ditched the Bulldogs.

Club soccer team reaches nationals despite no manager

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Chris Stephenson has many reasons to be optimistic about his club soccer team going into the 2008 season. After all, the team continued its traditional success in the regional tournament last year, earning a bid to the national tournament in Florida.

The majority of the players who helped to achieve that success also returned. He said he thinks they can provide the leadership to play deeper into nationals.

At nationals last season, the team lost its first three games by one goal each time and was eliminated from the tournament.

The need for leadership is amplified on the K-State club team, because the team is one of few college teams in the country that plays without a coach on the sidelines. Stephenson, a senior in chemical engineering, is the president of the team and also plays left midfielder.

Last season, K-State was the only team at both the regional and national tournament that did not have a coach.

Instead, Stephenson and the rest of the team found success through the chemistry formed by the players' self-motivation.

"Certainly coaches are valuable," Stephenson said, "but that just goes to show you the dedication that the guys have. They put in three practices a week. They all work hard every week, and we have results to show for it. We just enjoy it, and that's that."

Nick Gay, senior in electrical engineering, transferred to K-State after playing on a soccer scholarship for Graceland University, a NAIA program in Iowa. Gay said it was difficult to adjust to not playing every day. However, he eventually bonded with his teammates.

"A lot of the players are just great people to be around," Gay said. "They



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Kyle Shipps, senior in electrical engineering, sprints toward the ball at practice Wednesday evening for the K-State club soccer team.

are like a big group of friends who love to play soccer."

K-State does not fund a Division I soccer team to compete in the Big 12 Conference as it does other traditional sports like football and volleyball, and because of this, students wishing to play soccer must do so on the club team.

So after winning the regional championship, the team was responsible for raising the funds to transport its members to Florida.

Deciding to become involved in the community, the team organized a soccer clinic, inviting soccer players throughout the city to share the soccer experience.

"We love to help the kids out," Gay said. "And we do a lot of clinics to try and get involved."

The team raised more than \$4,000 and was able to make its first trip to nationals.

Stephenson says K-State should consider funding a Division I soccer

team and that the university has the potential to be reasonably competitive at that level.

"I believe that K-State as the school and the players as individuals would benefit from having a Division I soccer team," Stephenson said.

The season kicks off Sept. 7 against Washington University at St. Louis. Stephenson said he wants to continue the success the team experienced last year and use the experience going into the new season.

While the team is not a funded Big 12 team, both Stephenson and Gay said they think they can prove K-State can compete in the soccer scene with the success of its team.

"We want to prove that K-State has a legitimate chance at being a Division I competitor," Gay said. "And we think that we have enough talent, and we can definitely recruit enough players to be at the Division I level."



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Fernando Landi (left), freshman in architectural engineering, and Brett Lemon (right), senior in landscape design, scrimmage at Old Stadium Wednesday.

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Krause discusses expansions, retiring Beasley's jersey

Collegian reporter Cole Manbeck recently sat down with Athletic Director Bob Krause to talk about K-State athletics topics ranging from the Ron Prince contract extension to recruiting budgets. The second of two parts from the interview focus on all upcoming K-State athletics.



BOB KRAUSE

to add club seats. If we average 2 1/2 tickets per account, we have some premium seating that we aren't able to accommodate. In retrospect, when we built the press box – as nice as it is – we didn't have enough resources at that time to go end zone to end zone just from a cost standpoint.

We need to update those facilities. We need to capture those premium seats. And the west side is terribly important. We'll take a little bit longer route to getting that done because – whoever gets to be the architect selected for the project – we would want them to do the market research. We want to make sure we understand what types of premium seating our fans want.

Q: How do you feel about the overall direction of K-State athletics?

A: We feel very good where we are at. I think where we need to move to is clearly to put ourselves in a position to compete for championships. It's part of the branding and part of the expectation. And I think people have embraced that. They understand that if you're not in it to compete for championships, then why are you in it? To me, it doesn't make any sense just to be competitive. While it's a nice goal it will get turned into a negative – people will say you're just competitive rather than being in the hunt. We need to get to that point.

We've got several teams in that position. So many things go into it; facilities – it's the infrastructure of information technology. It's increasingly costly, but if we can recognize where we can gain some efficiencies and do a better job of marketing our program and converting the marketing into sales into sea-

son tickets and individual game tickets and all of that, then we will. We have to have the financial strength as well. I'm feeling very good, and I think the goals are established and I'm feeling good about the people and their commitment and willingness to work hard.

Q: The University of Texas announced a few months ago that it will be retiring the jersey of Kevin Durant. Can we expect to see Michael Beasley's jersey lifted to the rafters someday?

A: Yeah, he's a consensus All-American, which is one of the biggest requirements. He's done a tremendous amount for the program. If you look at connecting to the program, which is terribly important, I understand why Texas did that with Durant. It's a matter for the young recruits out there. We've had some dialogue about it but haven't made any decisions. But certainly it's on our radar screen.

Q: Now that you've added athletic director to one of your many job titles, can we still expect to see you sitting with President Wefald behind the scorer's table displaying the same emotion and passion you have in the past?

A: (Laughing) I'm probably going to have to put a little check on my emotional involvement in the contests. At times, it's a different role. I've got some different responsibilities now. I'll be less demonstrative, but rest assured on the inside the passion is there, and I'll find some different ways of expressing it. (Laughing) The last thing in the world I want to do is fine myself, so I need to exercise some judicious restraint.

Q: What's the update on the \$70 million facility upgrades that are being planned for Bramlage Coliseum and Snyder Family Stadium?

A: There are two phases. The first phase I hope to have the architect selected by the middle of September. Once that starts, then we go through bringing in all the stakeholders in terms of what are the needs and the ideals. I would like to be in a position to where we could get construction going by late spring and early summer.

Q: Will we see an expansion to the press box in the near future?

A: We have a waiting list of approximately 32 or 33 people waiting for suites. We have another 120 or so accounts that would like

TICKETS | Students denied

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ticket."

At 1 p.m. Saturday, the ticket office will open a booth at the ticket window on the east side of the stadium to help anyone who is having trouble accessing or printing their tickets.

The same booth operated last Saturday. Fans receive help fairly quickly, Fosha said, but not without a few incidents involving frustrated students who were not able to get their tickets.

"We had scenes, because we have some students that don't want to accept that their tickets aren't paid for," Fosha said.

She said they only had to call security for one student who would not stop banging on the ticket booth's window after being told his tickets weren't paid for.

Fosha said she also found three instances where students were using duplicate copies of a ticket to enter the game.

"We have sent a registered letter to each of them," she said. "So they have written confirmation that we are aware of it and consequences will ensue if it continues."

She said if any of the students try to enter the game again using a ticket that already has been scanned, all of that student's tickets will be canceled.

Feds responsible for rise in birth control prices

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students have been forced to pay high prices for birth control, because Lafene Health Center's surplus of discounted pills is depleted.

Prior to the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act, pharmaceutical companies sold birth control pills to college health centers, like Lafene, at discounted prices. In response to the act, Lafene purchased a surplus.

"Four months of birth control now costs what a year's supply used to cost," said Chuck Murphy, director of the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department.

Murphy said the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act took effect January 2007. The act ended certain tax breaks to pharmaceutical companies selling prescription drugs to specific institutions at discounted prices.

Mark Brown-Barnett, Pharmacy Director at Lafene Health Center, said Lafene purchased as many discounted birth control pills as they could to provide the students with the discounted pills for as long as possible. This gave the students an extra seven to eight months at the discounted prices.

"The federal government, as far as I am concerned, has done a disservice to the college students by enacting this

law," Brown-Barnett said.

The Riley County-Manhattan Health Department still offers birth control pills and other prescription drugs at the discounted prices.

"Everything we provide is based on income," Murphy said.

Murphy added that health department officials prefer K-State students use Lafene as their primary health-care providers.

To receive birth control, the health department requires women use its services for annual checkups and pap smears.

Susan Burgess, a local pharmacist, said she had not noticed an increase, but two brands of birth control recently had been placed on the generic list. Triressa and Sprintec both can be purchased for less than their comparable name-brand forms.

Brown-Barnett said Lafene's birth control pills range in price from \$16 to \$20 for generic brands and name brands from \$40 to \$60.

Lafene offers Ortho Tri-Cyclen, not to be confused with Ortho Tri-Cyclen LO, for \$15 to students without insurance or whose insurance does not cover birth control. Lafene officials negotiated a three-year contract with Ortho to purchase the birth control at a discounted price.

Forms of Birth Control other than the pill offered at Lafene:

Birth Control Patch \$50 per month
NuvaRing \$47 per month
Plan B \$32.19 per dose
Implanon (etongestrel implant) \$700-\$800 lasts up to 3 years (averages out to about \$22 per month)

KWELI | Rapper apologizes

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aside and began a legal search of the vehicle and Kweli. Campus police reported responding around 8 p.m. and in a statement from Captain Don Stubbings, they responded to the [Union] for a report of drug use in a vehicle occupied by [Kweli] who was scheduled to address Kansas State University students. During the course of the investigation, occupants of the vehicle were questioned by officers and released without arrest."

While every story has at least two sides, all parties involved are still unsure of exactly why Kweli was smoking in the first place, what police found during the search and who alerted campus police about the incident.

Executive members of the BSU seemed most stumped as to why Kweli felt he needed to smoke an illegal substance prior

"apologize to students looking forward to hearing the speech."

Kweli also said he was frustrated that whom-ever alerted the police did not address him first.

"A man tells you what he's thinking," he said, and while Kweli acknowledged that he put the events into action by smoking in the first place, alerting the police to be ready and waiting seemed unfair.

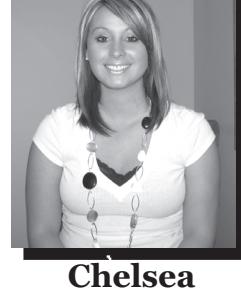
Since August, BSU Freshman Action Team Coordinator Jasmine Hammond, freshman in PJMC, had planned on having Kweli come speak to students.

She said BSU's goal with bringing in the well-known Kweli, was to get more people involved with the BSU.

Hammond said BSU lost no money because of the cancellation and that BSU members do not feel like the incident will affect future BSU events.

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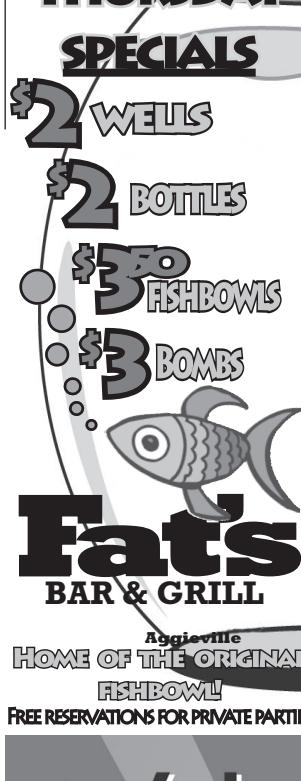
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Distance program gives alternative

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

To some students, waking up and coaxing themselves to go to class seems like a chore. But for students in K-State's Distance Education program, part of the Division of Continuing Education, it's just the beginning of a constant balancing act.

Susan Kidd, senior in dietetics, lives in Overland Park, Kan., but takes distance education courses from K-State while working a part-time job, raising seven children and occasionally volunteering.

"It is one of the greatest challenges that I have ever undertaken," Kidd said. "I tell everyone to finish their degree while they were young – it's a lot easier. I will be forever grateful for finishing it."

K-State's Distance Education program began in the mid-1970s with two bachelor's degree completion programs, said Dave Stewart, assistant dean for program development and marketing.

The program features eight bachelor's degree completion programs, 17 master's degree completion programs and 16 certificate degree programs. There are students from all 50 states and from 16 countries enrolled in the program, Stewart said.

Class offerings have become more and more diversified as new technologies have developed.

LeAnn Brazeal, associate professor for K-State in communication studies, theater and dance, was skeptical when she was first approached about offering Public Speaking I through distance education.

"I was very reluctant to do it," she said. "I would prefer that we bring students in to have an audience and to speak to their classmates. It's not perfect, but we are still working on it."

Brazeal said some of her students are working adults whose responsibilities keep them from participating in a real class setting. She said the students record speeches for her and confirm they have audiences in videos.

Stewart said the available technology helps to simulate the classroom experience for distance education programs.

"What that means is those distance students can see and interact with instructors and fellow students through chat rooms and message boards," he said. "They can see much of the same things that go on in a campus classroom through the video screen and through other tools that are available."

As the program develops, Brazeal has goals for her Public Speaking I class.

"I want them to be able to see each other's speeches," she said. "It may be a semester or two down the line before that becomes easy to do."

Brazeal said she wants to adapt assignments to better fit the course for distance education.

At the beginning of each semester, a course packet is mailed out, complete with a syllabus, Stewart said. Methods for handling homework vary from regular mail to e-mail and depend on the professor.

The Facilitation Center for continuing education handles the test-taking process by helping find an acceptable proctor – usually a librarian.

Most courses are completed in a semester, Stewart said. The program offers as much flexibility to distance education students as it does for on-campus students.

Most students only take two or three credit hours per semester, so the degree process often takes longer.

While the process can be a long one, many different scholarships and types of financial aid are provided.

Kidd was awarded the Maurine Allison O'Bannon Scholarship, which is given each semester to a distance education student.

Pinpointing the reasons behind the success of the program is far from limited.

"We make every effort we can to see that the students needs are met," Stewart said. "The price, the quality, the reputation of Kansas State University – absolutely a quality faculty that helps to deliver the courses."

DRINK | MADD opposes initiative

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The drinking age has been 21 years old since 1984, when Congress passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act.

Bosco, who was a student at K-State when the drinking age was 18, said student group advisers were present at almost all social functions to encourage social responsibility with alcohol consumption.

He said this would probably happen again if the drinking age changed.

"You taught social responsibility and moderation. Now that's not in the cards," Bosco said. "What we do is say the law is the law, and we are here to enforce it – and we are talking abstinence [for minors]."

Bosco emphasized that he did not have a stance on whether the

drinking age should be lowered or not, and he said lowering the drinking age could have several vic- es as well as benefits.

Bosco said one of the main issues with lowering the age would be including high school-age students in the drinking age bracket.

"I don't think anybody's going to be interested in high school-age drinking being legal," Bosco said.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been a

stauncl critic of the initiative, claiming the age limit saves lives by taking alcohol away from people under the age of 21 and reducing the number of drunk drivers on the road.

"It does not make sense to increase access to alcohol when there are already so many problems with underage drink-

ing," said MADD National President Laura Dean-Mooney. "As it stands, about 5,000 people under age 21 die each year because of underage drinking. This is not to mention the sexual assaults, violence and injuries."

Bosco said the law was passed almost 25 years ago because of young people not responding to alcohol in a socially responsible manner. Since then, Bosco said 18- to 20-year-olds have taken more social responsibility since the 1970s and '80s.

"I would hope that – 30 years later – we as a society are in a different spot," Bosco said. "We are asking men and women to serve their country at 18, you can vote for president of the United States, sign legal documents when you're 18 – but yet can't have a beer."

MCC | Project tries to be green

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Rupe said the project is centered on being environmentally friendly.

"The contractors are recycling all the boards and reusing them in the renovation," she said.

"This is a transform-

ing moment in MCC history," said MCC President Kevin Ingram, according to the school's Web site. "Jolliffe Hall speaks of our history and is the gateway to our future. Its transformation will provide state-of-the-art educational tools that will al-

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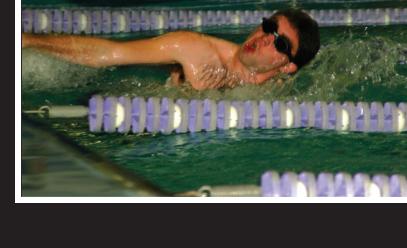
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